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WHAT WILL FOLKS SAY?

THAT State Food Investigating Committee that promised to show us how to save \$50,000,000 a year is going to make good next month, so its counsel says.

From careful study of the way food that comes into this city is handled and toted around for the profit of people who don't eat it the committee concludes that of every dollar the consumer pays for provisions thirty cents goes to the producer, eight cents to the railreads and sixty-two cents to make a nice living for a lot of people who handle and distribute the stuff after it comes into the city.

"It is an anachronism for New York City to continue the present hephazard and archaic methods of distribution," declares the committee's counsel. It is. The committee is doing a big job for which the State pays only \$15,000. It is a good committee.

But-sbout saving that \$50,000,000? We are a little nervous. Can it be done without shame? What will the neighbors think? What will the servants and the tradesmen say? Isn't it a deliberate scheme to stop the waste of food or money or both? Will anybody respect us if we pay too nearly what the potatoes are worth and peal 'em too close to the skin?

WHERE COMMANDMENTS SIGNIFY.

HE Tokio police have ruled Magda off the stage.

Sudermann's wayward heroine, who runs away from a puritanic home to become an actress and returns after twelve years of glorious freedom only to shock and outrage her father to the

point of feeling it his duty to kill her, is well known in this country. Why won't the Japanese have her? Listen to the Director of the Metropolitan Police Bureau of Tokio:

I may say I am foremost in desiring the healthy advance of Merature. But however brilliant a work may be, it must be forbidden if what it contains is detrimental to the teachings of the Imperial Rescript on Education, which is the sole foundation of the national education. Now Magda, the heroine of the play, acts in disobedience to her mother. Buch an example is cortainly harmful to the Japanese idea of virtue, in which filled plety takes a very high place. The authorities concerned are determined to suppress all other works which are injurious to the Japanese teaching of loyalty and filial piety, which are the very foundation of the national nevality of this country.

So Magda must be made to reform and become a good and faithful daughter before a Japanese audience can be allowed to see her. Such is the iron force of the immemorial Japanese ideal of devotion to parents and ancestors.

Curiously enough, there is now running in London a play, which New York will see later, whose central idea exactly reverses the commandment "Honor thy father and thy mother."

"Rutherford and Son" is the story of a stern, domineering ironmaster whose children are forced to leave their father's house to escape his harsh ways. Then in solitude, threatened with the helplessness of old age, the man realizes his mistake—too late.

"Fathers and mothers, honor your children," one critic calls the gist of it.

All of which may remind us that one Kipling once wrote:

Oh, Bast is East, and West is West, and never the twain

Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great judg-

LEGS AND LEGS.

READER of The Evening World, in a letter printed elsewhere, questions an assertion made recently in this column to the effect that "anybody can cross his legs in such a way that the hanging foot does not project an inch beyond a vertical line drawn from the toe of the foot resting on the floor."

We regret exceedingly for his sake that this has happened. The careful measurements and experiments upon which The Evening World based its statement about the swinging leg were made upon subjects approaching as nearly as possible the perfection of the human form. Persons too thin or too fat to be perfect will, of course, acsume the position with corresponding degrees of ease or difficulty, Not wishing to make a distinction that might be felt in any quarter to be invidious, we were careful to read nobody out of the party.

Since our correspondent frankly proclaims himself too fat to Mrs. Stryver. 'He heard you talking do it at all, we can only sorrowfully hold it up to him as an ideal toward which to struggle. Meanwhile he is welcome to a front seat in our other category of the cross-legged who are polite enough to pull in the loose foot when we pass.

"To no one will we sell, to no one will we refuse or delay right or justice."

MAGNA CHARTA

Sealed June 19, 1215.

"An ever-ry morable day to Englishmen and to all nations descended from Englishmen."

Letters From the People

This is not a criticism of the gram- Your editorial page is the fount of all matical construction of your interest- wisdom and your taking up the oudgels This is not a criticism of the graming editorial of to-day, but is simply an offer of \$100 cash to you if you will instance, is manly, courageous and teach or show me how I can cross my days approach, do not, I bog of you, legs so that "the hanging foot does not totally forget the fat man and teach project an inch beyond a vertical line me, I implore and pray, how "anybody drawn from the toe of the foot resting can cross their knees" in the manne on the floor." If you can cause me to be so taught or so snown I think I can esfely promise you several thousand other fat men who will trail along or

100%, 1016. even raise the ante. To the Militor of The Kyes ess stab at physical comfort," it when is the next?

o the Sallor of The Scoting World: When was the last "leap year" and

is a javelin launched directly at the fat

for the poor, misused taxtest rider, for

nan, whom nobdy loves,

you so graphically describe

The Summer Girl (3.-Moonlight, Youth and Opportunity.) By Eleanor Schorer



When two warm young hearts are under the June moon, if the chaperope should nod just for one tiny moment. Cupid's dart strikes home.

By John to the to the to take

TERE'S a fine scrape you've got

us into" bawled Mr. Stryver

into a tree, the chauffeur drunk and

we in this lonely place twenty miles

"Why do you blame me for it?" cried

Mrs. Stryver. "The man is your man,

ways spoke of it as her car when it was

"That's what drove the man to

drink!" exclaimed Mr. Stryver. "He

tried to get something to eat here and

"He drove himself to drink," sneere

like a ruffian and that encouraged him!

stood viewing the wreck of the Stryver

automobile, and the driver, who had

been pitched out of it as he was bring-

A Dark Horse.

"Her mother wanted her to marry

took ?"

in desperation he took to boose!"

in running order), and this place is

temperance hotel:"

take his employer and their guests a lift if they're not too full."

"It's only a mile to the trolley, sir,"

trolley? Telephone to the nearest gar-

"The telephone's been cut out, sir." said the waiter, "but I'll go down to the main road down the driveway. the main road and flag the first auto-! "Hold me, Jarr!" cried the exasper-

The Jarrs Find Samaritans Are Ouoted at Twenty Dollars Per.

"I don't care how full they are, I'll patrol!"

chance it," said the irate Stryver. "Do you think I'm going home on the rather ride with a driver who is full gested Mr. Jarr. that ain't full?" asked the walter, as he took the oil lantern off the porch his life!" howled the raging Stryver. of the La Paloma Inn and started for And he made a charge for the walter.



HERE, Little Girl, don't cry! They won't let you vote, I know. You may carn your bread, with your hands and head, And hoe your own little row;

But, when it comes to the prizes, why, You're a "clinging vine"-So there! Don't cry!

Most girls, nowadays, would give almost as much for a little genuine town," said Mr. Stryver. sentiment and a really convincing kies as for a genuine "old master" and really convincing novel.

bite of the apple, but if Adam had lived in these days of "sex-equality" it is doubtful if she would have had a chance to bite it at all, Don't marry "for convenience." Sometimes a husband or wife turns

Don't marry "for convenience." Sometimes a husband or wife turns out to be about the money," said Mr. The patch pocket is are ranged over the left front. The sleeves are front. The sleeves are When a man ASKS a girl for a kiss she is unable to decide whether

he is impertinent, stupid, or just lazy and unenterprising. The trouble with matrimony is that the marriage laws are too loose at one end and too tight at the other; they don't make the least attempt send for it.

to keep the wolf out of the stable, they merely lock him in. It is easy enough to sit back and blame the new woman for her trans-Smith and her father wanted her to formation from a dove to a screech owl. But there! Would you blame marry Jones. | wonder which she a canary which had been tossed out of its nice comfy cage for learning to

Never marry a lover for the sake of having one on hand

shift and Aght for itself and forgetting to sing its succe songs?

"The man only means if you will take "Would you ride with a driver who a loaded driver with an empty car or a bin't full who is full, or would you scher driver with a loaded car," sug-

"Ill take anything, but first I'll take After holding up some six or seven automobile parties, who passed on in corn after the walter made his message known, the waiter appeared finally with a very dirty man driving a very dirty and clanking car. This person announced he would take the party back to the city for \$20.

In vain Mr. Stryver, who supposedly had plenty of money, raged at this price. The dirty man with the dirty car was a Samaritan who was firm for his price. The Jarrs, who were poor, made no protest; besides they didn't expect B such as to pay the bill.

at this man," said Mrs. Stryver aside we at her garments to her husband as the party got into the dirty automabile. "He looks caud they are loose and pable of running us into the ditch for pite!

"Well," said the driver, "come across!"

"Wit' de twenty spot," said the driver. "Me terms is cash in advance, in collar is apt to

case of fire. Besides, this old boat is comfortable liable to break down any minute and equally corr I don't know how much gas I got in the straight single cutts her either."

"I will pay you when we get to "I will pay you when we get to

"Nix on the bull con. bo!" said the made from madras al highwayman airly. Besides, I got to percale and all materials silp old Kidney Feet, the waiter here, of the kind, while for silp old Kidney Feet, the waiter here, five bucks for his bit." Eve merely assumed a woman's privilege when she took the first "I will give you a check," said Mr.

"Don't you know who I am?" "Never faet you before," said the ob-durate hold-up man. "So I take no pa-per. Come over with the cush."

Tront and back portions, but the back can be made plain or with the per. Come over with the cush."

sented a suit of clothes he was financing. "We can fix the matter up when openings and over-lap we get back to town, Mr. Stryver."

On this basis the party re-embarked, with Mr. Stryver leaving threats for bis still overcome chauffeur and directions we get back to town, Mr. Stryver."

for the care of his machine till he could They reached town in due time, de-

spite the forebodings of their present age. driver, and the Jarrs were let off at their door first "You'll send Mr. Jarr a check in the

morning?" asked Mrs. Stryver a little

"What! After joy-riding all evening at my expense? I guess not!" was the

Women Heartbreakers OF BISCOPS BY ALBERT PAYSON TO

NO. 12—LUCREZIA BORGIA, a much married heartbreaker. HIS is the story of a much married heartbreaker. In the matter of marriages she was scarcely second to Henry VIII. Some historians say she was the victim of circumstances. Some say she was a demon. For centuries she was looked on as one of the archpoisoners and fiends of history. Modern discoveries seem to show she was merely a supremely fascinating woman who was not overburdened with conscience. She was Lucrezia Borgia.

At eleven, Lucrezia was betrothed to Don Cherubin de Centelles, a roung Spanish nobleman. But the match was broken off. And while sho was still a mere girl she was married to another Spanish noble, Don Gasparo de Procido. But as her father rose higher and higher in power in Italy, he decided that Procido was too obscure a husband for the daughter of so grea a man. So he had the marriage annulled.

Her father wanted to ally his fortunes with those of the powerful Italian family of Sforza. So he next married Lucrezia to Giovanni Sforza, a youth who adored her. But her father soon found an even more powerful alliance with the King of Naples. The King was an enemy of the Sforzas. The merriage between Lucrezia and Giovanni Sforza now seemed a political mistake and her father set about to rectify it. Glovanni had no notion of being robbed of his beautiful wife. Still less did he care to be found stabbed or polsoned some morning, as was the fate of too many of the Borgias' enemies So he fied secretly from Rome, taking Lucrezia with him.

The Borgias were all-powerful at Rome. But Glovanni had carried his wife and himself beyond the zone of their direct power. So Lucrezia's father trie another trick. He sent messages of love and forgiveness to the runaways; and later wrote to them that, as he was growing old, he wanted to have at his family around him at Christmas time. Glovanni seemed to have lacked brains For, at Christmas, back he brought Lucrezia to Rome to see her father. And the Borgias promptly annulled the marriage, kept Lucrezia with them and sent Giovanni packing.

Lucrezia's wonderful beauty made her a splendid political asset to her family Her father next used her for the purpose of cementing his alliance with the



King of Naples. And he married Lucrezia to the King's relative and pro Alfonso of Aragon. This time there was trouble. Alfonso and his parents die not care for the Borgias. They did not crave the unlucky fate that seemed t follow Lucrezia's several husbands. Alfonso is said to have flatly refused marry her. But her beauty and charm at last made him fling com: he was eighteen. Soon afterward the Borgias formed an alliance with the French King, who was the bitter foe of the King of Naples. And they plans to get rid of Alfonso. Realizing that his life was in grave danger, Alfonso fifrom Rome. But his love for Lucrezia was stronger than his love of life. I came back to see her. And her brother Cesare hired a band of ruffians to mu der him. Alfonso was killed at the very door of his wife's home; it is to feared with his wife's knowledge and consent. ecceptable control of the Duke of Ferrara-was chore as the newest husband. He and the Duke, his father, were horrified at t it up to the La Paloma Inn plazza | mobile; maybe some one will give you ated Stryver. "I'll kill that waiter, and idea. They refused and did all they could to avoid so perlious a union. But we'll all get to civilization in the police | Borgias, by bribes and threats and by the aid of Lucrezia's beauty, at last own came their objections.

Thus, in 1601, Lucrezia married Alfonso. She was barely twenty-one had been married four times-something of a record, even in those days time he, like all other men who met her, was completely under Lucresia spell. He was her adoring slave. And as the Borgias had no more advan tageous match in view for Lucrezia her newest husband was graciously pe mitted to stay alive. The greatest men in all Europe-princes, statesmen, poets flocked to the ducal court at Ferrara to do homage to the loveliness and charm of the young duchess. Fevered poetry was written by Ariosto and Bembo praise of her. Men quarrelled, fought and killed each other for the hopes "In 1519," writes a chronicler, "Lucrez'a died, full of years and honors; w

shipped as a queen by her subjects and praised as a goddess by the poets.

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